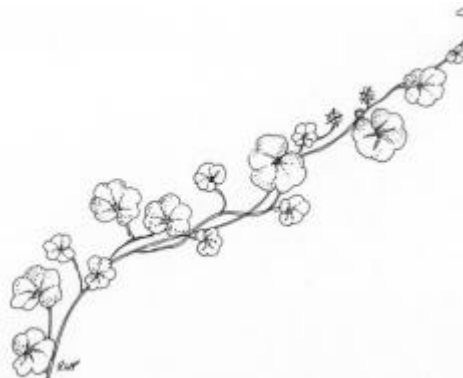


CORNISH MONEYWORT *SIBTHORPIA EUROPAEA* SPECIES ACTION PLAN

1. INTRODUCTION

The Cornish moneywort has been identified as a locally significant species.

Relevant Legislation/Species Status	
priority (P) or species of conservation concern (S)	-
EC Habitats Directive	-
Conservation Regs 1994	-
Berne Convention 1982	-
Bonn Convention 1979	-
CITES 1975	-
WCA 1981	Part I, Section 13
Other Species Status	Nationally Scarce



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2. CURRENT STATUS

2.1 UK and Wales

The Cornish moneywort is a small indiscrete plant of damp ditch-sides, walls and roadsides. It is only found in Britain and West France, and nationally it is a very localised species. In Britain its main centre of population is Cornwall, south Devon and Exmoor. In Wales only 9 sites exist, the main population occurs in the Taff Ely area, with a few records from southwest Wales. It is a very local species, known only from a small area around Llantrisant, Ponypridd and Caerphilly on the southern fringe of the Uplands⁴⁰.

2.2 Caerphilly County Borough

The Cornish moneywort is a native species found amongst damp grassy heaths, damp rocks and walls, and moist shady roadsides. It is a very local species, known only in a small area of Glamorgan, and only recorded in Gwent on the bank of the Nant-y-Draenog in Caerphilly county borough. This site is a SIN C (C10.134) and is described as a narrow stream valley woodland and acid grassland area, south of the Nant-y-Draenog reservoir⁸ (see **Map 16.2**).

2.3 Links with Habitats

- Wetland features
- *Deciduous Woodlands* (wet woodland)

3. CURRENT FACTORS AFFECTING THE SPECIES

- The species is nationally scarce in South Wales (but very locally frequent).
- Its preferred habitat is vulnerable to drainage and intensive mechanized ditch clearances.
- It is also likely to depend on stock grazing, to keep ditch sides open and unshaded. The cessation of grazing may be a major factor in its apparent decline.
- More survey and assessment work is required to establish the current population and distribution accurately.

4. CURRENT ACTION

4.1 The Cornish moneywort site in Caerphilly county borough is designated as a SIN C⁸.

5. OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS**5.1 UK Objectives and Targets**

Not applicable to this species.

5.2 Caerphilly Objectives and Targets

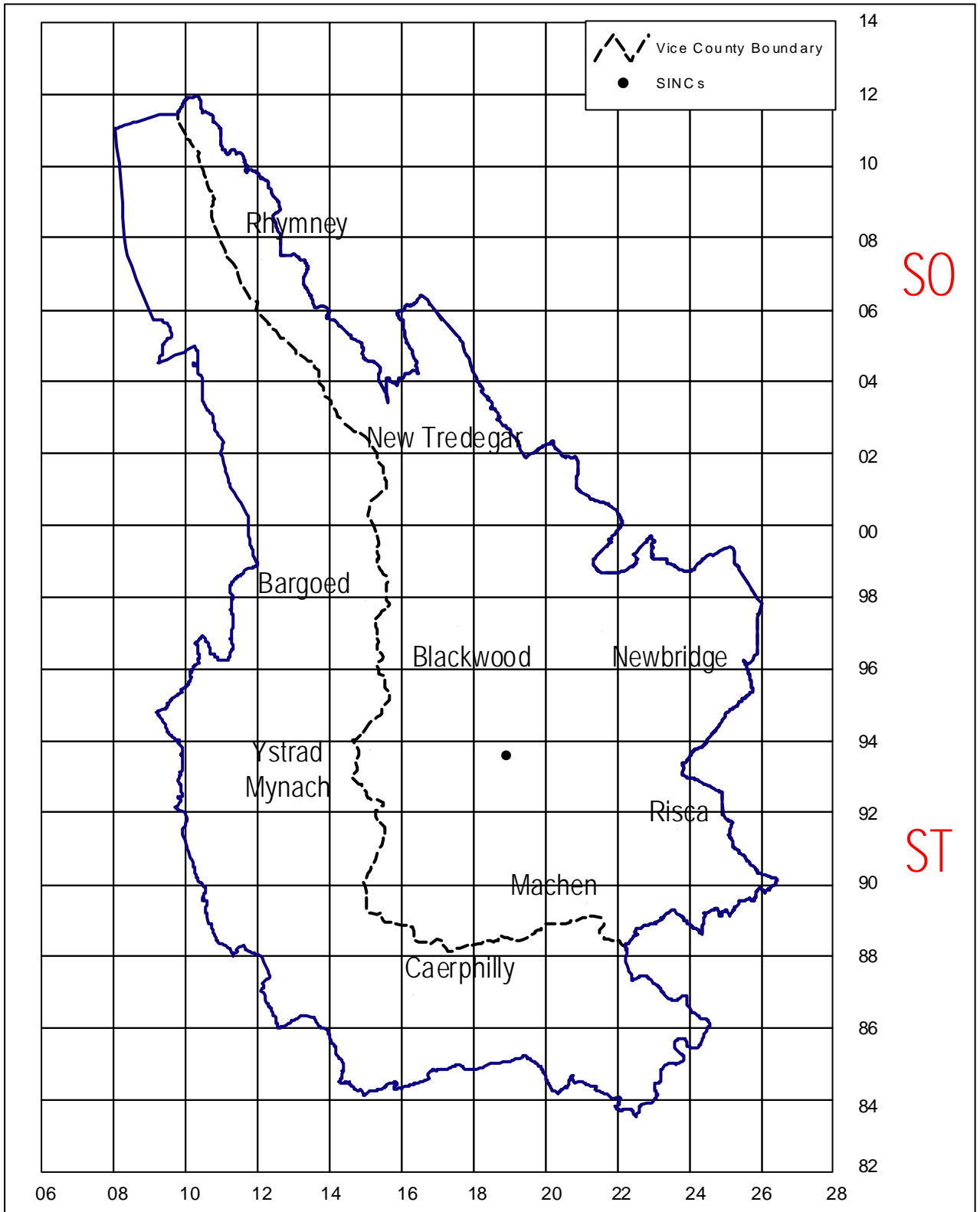
5.2.1 Re-survey the only recorded site to establish population distribution and assess the possibility of encouraging its spread (Target: 2002).

5.2.2 Maintain the current population and distribution of the Cornish moneywort, and encourage the spread to new sites (Target: ongoing).

6. ACTION AND KEY PARTNERS

Action	Key Partners		Year to be complete or in place by:										
	Lead	Partners	2003	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
6.1 Policy and Legislation													
6.1.1 Seek to designate sites as SIN C.	CCBC	-										✓	
6.2 Site Safeguard and Management													
6.2.1 Encourage the appropriate management of the woodland at Nant-y-Draenog in order to maintain the current population of the species and potentially increase its distribution.	CCBC	landowner	✓										
6.3 Species Management and Protection													
6.3.1 Ensure the sensitive management and protection of the whole Nant-y-Draenog SIN C.	CCBC	landowner	✓	✓									
6.3.2 Continue to implement wildlife legislation.	Gwent Police	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
6.4 Advisory													
6.4.1 Offer advice on conservation, management and grazing, and identify management plan options with the landowner.	CCBC	Landowner Coed Cymru	✓	✓	✓								
6.5 Future Research and Monitoring													
6.5.1 Re-survey all historical sites.	BSBI	-	✓	✓									
6.5.2 Monitor sites every 5 years.	BSBI	-	✓				✓					✓	
6.6 Communications and Publicity													
6.6.1 Disseminate survey and monitoring information to BSBI, CCW, NMWC, CCBC, and the landowner.	CBP	BSBI	✓				✓					✓	
6.6.2 Inform landowners of the existence of the Cornish moneywort and its biodiversity significance.	CBP	BSBI	✓				✓					✓	

MAP 16.2 - CORNISH MONEYWORT



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